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Railroads.

N. & W. Norfolk and Western

Schedule in Effect

May 27, 1900. BYRD-STREET STATION

9:00 A. M. For Norfolk Limited. Arrives Norfolk at 11:00 A. M.

9:05 A. M. For the CHICAGO EXPRESS. Arrives Norfolk at 11:05 A. M.

9:10 P. M. For Lynchburg and Roanoke. Arrives Norfolk at 11:10 P. M.

9:15 P. M. For Suffolk, Norfolk, and intermediate stations. Arrives Norfolk at 11:15 P. M.

9:20 P. M. For Lynchburg and Roanoke. Arrives Norfolk at 11:20 P. M.

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10:00 P. M. For Lynchburg and Roanoke. Arrives Norfolk at 12:00 P. M.

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11:00 P. M. For Lynchburg and Roanoke. Arrives Norfolk at 1:00 P. M.

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Schedule in Effect Nov. 23, 1900

All trains arrive at and depart from

Fredericksburg Station.

8:01 A. M.—Daily—for Danville, Charlotte

and way stations, connecting at

Warrenton, at Newmarket, and

at Lynchburg with the Norfolk and

Western daily and Staunton week

days at Lynchburg with the Norfolk and

Western daily for Roanoke and

Southwest and with C. & O. R. R. daily for

Natural Bridge and Lexington.

11:15 A. M.—Daily—for THE UNITED

STATES FAST MAIL, via Chesapeake

Bay, New York and Washington to

Jacksonville, via Savannah, uniting at

Savannah with Pullman Sleeper for

Asheville and Hot Springs, N. C. Knoxville,

Chattanooga and Memphis.

1:00 P. M.—Daily—for Lynchburg and

Staunton, via New York and Washington

to Lynchburg with the Norfolk and

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Southwest and with C. & O. R. R. daily for

Natural Bridge and Lexington.

2:17 A. M.—Daily—for Lynchburg and

Staunton, via New York and Washington

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J. B. FICKLEN, Manager.

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CAROLINE.

Talk on China—Personals and Other Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Bowling Green, Va., Dec. 21, 1900.

Owing to the sickness of the pastor, Rev. Richard Bagby, there were no services at the Christian church Sunday.

He is at the home of his father, Capt. Bagby, in Tappahannock.

Miss Bessie Oghill will leave on Saturday for Richmond, where she will spend several days with friends.

Mr. Aubrey Valentine, Mr. O. P. Smoot and Miss Pearl Smoot left on Monday, via your city, for Urbanna, where they attended the Nelson-Smoot wedding, which took place on the 19th instant.

Miss T. B. Gill has returned to her home at Milford, after a delightful visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Rev. J. T. Hunley, of the Christian church, was to have preached in that church here on Monday night, but owing to the small congregation there were no services.

Messrs. John White, John Winston, Webb Raines and Monroe Gravatt, of the University of Virginia, are spending their holidays at their respective homes here.

Miss Annie M. Payne, of Orizot, is the guest of her friend, Miss Cordie L. Winston.

Several of our people went over to hear Bishop Gibson at Port Royal on Sunday. After preaching he confirmed a class.

The cold weather of the past few days has caused good ice to form on the ponds and large crowds have enjoyed the skating.

Dr. T. A. Grodder, of Washington, spent Saturday and Sunday in our town.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Broadness spent Saturday in your city.

Messrs. John and Reuben Broadness, students at Richmond College, are at their home here for the holidays.

Mr. W. W. Sawyer and children arrived on Wednesday and are comfortably fixed in their new home.

Mrs. Ruth McCown Thompson addressed the members of the C. W. B. M. of the Christian church on Sunday night. She spoke principally of the life and work of the women in China.

Mrs. Thompson has just returned from China, where she has spent the last five years of her life, and her talk was both interesting and instructive, and was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

Most of the pupils of the Southern Seminary left on Thursday, a m. for their homes, where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. Maxie Crittendon and sister, from the upper part of this county, were guests in our town on Friday.

Miss Lizette Clark, of Washington, will spend Xmas day at home with her parents here. Miss Etta Mitchell, a popular young lady of the Capital city, will accompany her and will spend several days with friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Falcoms, of West Virginia, will spend Xmas with their respective parents at Rhodesville and this place.

Mr. Parker A. Perry, formerly of this place, was married to Miss Bessie Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Powell, of Roanoke, on Dec. 19th, at the home of the bride. They will reside at Newport News, where the groom is an attaché of the Newport News Press.

Miss M. Harvey Campbell, the popular teacher at Dr. Wm. J. Crittendon's, will spend the holidays at her parents' home in Essex county. X. X. X.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store.

Mad Dog in Caroline.

School No. 2, in Caroline, taught by Mrs. D. J. Waller, was thrown into a state of excitement recently, by the appearance of a mad dog in the yard at recess.

One of the children, disobeying orders, opened the door a little way to peek out and to run the dog to the great consternation of teacher and pupils, who promptly took to the tops of desks—better skelter. With the assistance of Mr. Dick Carver, who was passing along the road at the time, the dog was killed in the school house. Fortunately no one was injured—Caroline News.

KING GEORGE.

Getting Ice—Gypsies—Personals, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

King George county, Dec. 20, 1900.

The balmy weather of the past two days is a great contrast to Saturday, Sunday and even Monday of this week.

The ice-ponds and mill-ponds were all frozen hard by the several days of cold weather and some persons took advantage of the opportunity and began filling their ice houses.

Quite a large gang of Gypsies are camped in this county, and judging from the large amount of corn, fodder and other things they take in exchange for telling fortunes, times must be very prosperous with the people of this section.

Messrs. R. T. Hume and Charles Hume, of Washington, who have been spending some days with the family of Mrs. Imogen Lewis in this county, have returned home.

Mr. John N. Peed, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Nannie, spent today in Fredericksburg.

Messrs. James O. and Aleck Peed, who have been attending the Massey Business College, in Richmond, returned today, as full graduates, having completed the college course.

Miss Carrie Washington, expects to leave in a short time for Washington, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Rev. H. H. Fones, who for some years has been the faithful pastor of Round Hill and Shiloh Baptist churches, is much missed in the neighborhood in which he lived, as is also his family. They have gone to reside in Washington.

The merry party of young ladies from Essex, who were guests of the Misses Lewis at "Marmion," have returned home.

Rev. Norman Luck, of Caroline, has been visiting a good many of his people here this week, having preached at Oakland Sunday, and remained here for the Rice-Rodgers marriage.

Rev. J. L. Pribble, the newly appointed minister of the Methodist churches in this county, has made a pleasant impression on all who have been fortunate enough to meet him, or hear him preach.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Nelson Toler, of Washington,